WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Virus infected agriculture farms

*825. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team from Central Government studied the problems of damage being caused to agrciultural crops by infected aquaculture farms; and

(b) the steps proposed to seal infected aquaculture farms in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir. There are no reports of damage caused to agricultural crops by infected acquacultural farms. The diseases which have infected shrimps in some farms are host-specific and, therefore, there is no possibility of damage to agricultural crops.

(b) Question does not arise.

Problems faced by workers in Aralam Agricultural Farm in Kerala

*826. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present state of affairs in Aralam Agricultural Farm in Kanur district of Kerala with regard to the problems faced by the workers and employees;

(b) the main demands raised by the workers and employees' organisations; and

(c) the response of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The workers of Central State Farm (CSF) Aralam (Kerala) of State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) a Public Sector Undertaking under the control of Minisrty of Agriculture, went on strike with effect from 19-4-1993 which was called off on 26-8-1993. At present, work at the farm is going smoothly.

(b) The following main demands were raised by the workers at the time of commencement of the strike:

(1) To pay the I.D.A. pay scale to regular labour and head workers working in CSF, Aralam, with retrospective effect from 1-1-1989, according to each period of amendment in pay scale.

OR

To declare that regular labour/head workers in the State Farm are entitled to get the pay scale of Rs. 720-1000 as recommended by the State Government of Kerala in respect of workers working in Farms controlled by the State Government.

(2) Uniform pay scale for labour working in Cenral State Farm Aralam.

(3) To appoint casual workers as permanent workers.

(4) To appoint Head workers as Group "D" employees.

(5) To stop the mismanagement of Central State Farm, Aralam.

(c) The demands of the workers had been considered by the Management in its Board Meeting held on 17-3-1993 but were not found acceptable. Later on, the strike was called off on the intervention of Chief Minister of Kerala on whose suggestion a Committee was constituted undner the Chairmanship of Labour Commissioner with representatives of Union and Management. Some advance was paid to the workers on the advice of Chief Minister before Onam festival alongwith bonus.

In a meeting of this Committee held on 4-11-1993 it was recommended that the Management of SFCI should formulate a motivation/incentive scheme for increasing production by involving labour. Accordingly management formulated an incentive/motivation scheme which was considered by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 27-9-1994, which decided that advice of the National Productivity Council on this scheme may also be taken before it is considered by the Board. This issue

has been taken up with the National Productivity Council, New Delhi by the Management on 4-1-1995 and further action will be taken after receipt of their reply.

Opening schools in tribal area

*827. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of schools functioning in tribal areas of the country is adequate to provide primary and secondary education to tribal children particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to open more schools and colleges in tribal and backard areas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As per the Fifth All India Educational Survey (1986), 95 percent of rural habitations predominantly populated by scheduled tribes had a primary school within a distance of 2 km.; 81.81 percent an upper primary school within a distance of 5 km.; 63.82 percent had a secondary school within a distance of 8 km. Establishment of schools and colleges falls within the domain of State Governments and Union Territory administrations. The endeavour of the States has been to expand school access facilities. Government of India has been assisting the States through the schemes of Ashram schools in tribal Sub-Plan areas, Educational Complexes for scheduld tribe girls in low literacy pockets, construction of hostels for scheduled tribes boys and girls and post-matric scholarships for scheduled caste and scheduled tribe students.

Policy on prohibition

*828. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the reasons for which Gujarat and Tamilnadu are not being compensated for the loss of revenue on account of prohibition policy being implemented in these Staes under Directive Principle of the Coonstitution?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): There is no Scheme in the Central Government to give compensation to States which introduce Prohibition.

Post Graduate Teachers in KVS

*829. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large number of Post Graduate Teachers who retire every year without being given/offered any promotion in their entire career of 20-25 years as PGTs:

(b) if so, what are the details of such PGTs who retired in the first five months of 1995:

(c) what are the reasons of such stagnations;

(d) whether the Sangathan is contemplating any measures to do away with this phenomenon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Of the teachers originally recruited as Post Graduate Teacher upto 1975, 9 have retired in the first five months of 1995. Out of these, 8 had got promoted and one had declined the offer of appointment as Principal.

(c) Some stagnation at the level is natural because there is only one post of Vice-Principal and one of Principal for 10 or more Post Graduate Teachers in a school.